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A man who recently returned from Liberia was diagnosed with malaria at Massachusetts General. He tested negative for Ebola. / DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Man at MGH tests positive for malaria

Disease. A man who recently traveled to Boston from Liberia has malaria. Doctors have not definitively ruled out Ebola.

A man admitted to Massachusetts General Hospital on Tuesday on suspicion that he was infected with Ebola has initially tested negative for the disease, though the hospital on Wednesday announced he has tested positive for malaria.

It is too early for health officials to definitively say whether the man is clear of Ebola, as additional tests may be conducted.

Dr. David Hooper, chief of the infection control unit at Mass. General, said at a press briefing Wednesday afternoon that the patient, who was not identified, had worked in an administrative capacity in Liberia within the past three weeks. In recent months, West Africa has experienced its worst outbreak of Ebola.

"He received treatment last night for malaria," said Hooper. "That's beginning. And we will continue to monitor him, and additional testing, if necessary, will be done to make sure that Ebola is not also present."

Boston's had 14 reported cases of malaria this year, the Boston Public Health Commission said. Thirty-six malaria cases were reported between 2011 and 2013.

Malaria, caused by a parasite that commonly infects a certain type of mosquito, can be fatal if not treated.

Visit **Metro.us** to learn more about malaria and other diseases.

By the numbers

Malaria is most often transmitted through mosquito bites. Effects can range from fever to death. About 1,500 reported cases of malaria in the United States every year. The disease has caused about 627,000 deaths around the world (out of about 207 million reported episodes).

Its symptoms can resemble the preliminary symptoms of Ebola, including fevers, chills and aching joints.

The unidentified patient may be released within a few days, Hooper said.

The patient is being kept in an isolated area of the hospital designed as part of its Ebola preparedness plan.

Hooper said the treatment area would keep health care workers safe as they await the results of further Ebola testing. The likelihood of the man transmitting malaria is "virtually zero," he said.

Hooper declined to say whether the man was an American citizen, and did not release further details about his identity.

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Quoted

"Honestly, my main concern about Ebola is that whenever there stops being cases in the United States we kind of just go back to forgetting that there is a problem. It's just like one more problem that is happening in West Africa that we don't have to care about."
"Jeff"

"The reason it's not under control is because a lot of people don't care. They just don't have it under control. You can thank our president for that."
Denise Penta, 52

"If you've got Ebola, they should get rid of your a—. Send him to Africa. I don't want it here."
Krundl Hugh, 19

Interview. Boston malaria survivor sheds light on deadly disease

Dr. Karen Weber / GREENFEST BOSTON

Dr. Karen L. Weber, executive director of the Foundation for a Green Future and Coordinator of Boston GreenFest, shared with Metro what it's like to endure and survive malaria.

When and where did you contract malaria?
It's very vivid. I lived for four years in West Africa. I was about 30 years old. I was doing doctoral work. … Mosquitos are rampant, so you never know when infection happens. There is no real way of protecting yourself.

What did it feel like?
There were phases of cold sweats and feeling really hot. You have to change your sheets three times a day; you're just losing so much water. Your body is just white, and you feel every muscle that you didn't know you had. It feels like a pounding, almost like a migraine behind your eyes. You feel weakness. You feel pain. It just comes on all at once.

How long did it take to recover?
"About six to eight days. I had an IV and malaria pills."

What was the worst part of the experience?
Realizing that this thing had just come onto me so quickly, not to mention being so far away from home. I thought, "How am I going to handle this?"

Do you think more needs to be done in malaria-affected countries?
Definitely. We ramped up all the money for AIDS, but the things that are regularly keeping people from being healthy on a regular basis are malaria and cholera.
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Mistakes made by health care personnel reportedly affect almost 1 in 4 state residents. / GETTY IMAGES

Medical errors affect quarter of state residents

Unhealthy. Report says medical slipups are common in Massachusetts.

To hear Lucilia Prates tell it, her father's death could have been avoided.

In 2005, her father Antonio, a 72-year-old semi-retired plumber and grandfather of four from Arlington, was the victim of what she calls "a preventable, hospital-acquired infection."

A kidney surgery was botched and Antonio began to deteriorate, said Prates, who now works as a medical advocate in Lawrence.

New research indicates the Prates family isn't alone. According to a new study, nearly 1 in 4 of Massachusetts residents have reported that they or a person close to them have experienced a medical error during the past five years.

The study, carried out by the Harvard School of Public Health, the RAND Corporation and the National Academy for State Health Policy, polled more than 1,200 state residents last September. It was commissioned by the Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction.

"My immediate reaction to that is I'm glad that people are opening their eyes and are much more alert about their health care and engaged with their health care," said Prates.

Robert Blendon, a Harvard professor and co-director of the poll, said if the public was more aware of the extent of the problems "there would be even more citizen calls for action here."

Andrew Meyer, a Boston-based medical malpractice attorney, said he was not surprised.

"The hospitals aren't anxious to expose this kind of problem," he said. "It hurts their brand."

Meyer isn't optimistic that the study will effect any real change in state medical malpractice laws. The Board of Registration needs to be given more resources to investigate substandard medicine, he said.

"There needs to be much more accountability, more transparency in terms of the mistakes that are made," he said.

Dr. Richard Pieters, president of Massachusetts Medical Society, said in a statement that the poll results indicate that "patient safety requires constant focus."

Quoted

- "Patients must recognize that safety is a serious concern, that reporting errors is important, and doing so will make a difference. Substantial progress in patient safety will occur when both providers and patients take action." **DR. PIETERS**
- "Concerted efforts have been made for two decades to improve patient safety; however, our research indicates medical harm persists across all care settings in Massachusetts and there is urgent work to be done to improve patient safety." **BARBARA FAIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BETSY LEHMAN CENTER FOR PATIENT SAFETY AND MEDICAL ERROR REDUCTION**

By the numbers

23%

23 percent of respondents said they, or someone close to them, had experienced a medical error in the last five years.

59%

Of those who reported experiencing an error, 59 percent said the error resulted in serious health consequences.

51%

The most common type of mistake was misdiagnosis, reported by 51 percent of affected respondents.

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Commission hears concerns over release of state sex offenders

Rehabilitation. State authorities need to increase supervision.

Many sex offenders who are civilly committed end up being released without supervision, officials at a state treatment center said Wednesday, calling it a "red flag" during a presentation to a special commission studying recidivism.

Agencies like the Department of Correction and the Sex Offender Registry Board must improve communication with one another, the officials said.

They added that agencies sometimes don't take treatment records into account when releasing offenders, leading to releases inconsistent with treatment recommendations.

Brooke Berard, director of treatment assessment at the Massachusetts Treatment Center, and Kaitlyn Peretti, the center's supervising psychologist and director of training, made the presentation to the commission, which is chaired by Sen. William Brownsberger (D-Belmont) and Rep. Paul Brodeur (D-Melrose).

The center, a medium-security facility, houses inmates convicted of sexual offenses, temporarily committed offenders, and civilly committed offenders who are held after they've been incarcerated.

Quoted

"We have people with research skills to follow people to find out what's happening but they can't."

Berard

Public Safety Secretary Andrea Cabral, a member of the commission, said post-release supervision can be built into a sex offender's sentence.

"Post-release supervision is an excellent idea," she said, adding that Gov. Deval Patrick has been an advocate for it. GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS, STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Logan. Alleged assailant grounded

A man who allegedly smashed his backpack into the face of a 74-year-old employee at Logan Airport earlier this week has been released on his own recognizance.

On Tuesday, Eric Brandhorst, 53, of Carlisle is alleged to have swung his backpack with both hands from his right shoulder, smashing the female Logan employee in the face after she told him that bag was too large carry on. The blow knocked the woman to the ground.

Brandhorst was tackled by a state trooper near a United Airlines entrance in Terminal B. He's been ordered to stay away from Logan, and appear in court Feb. 3.

Logan airport / FILE PHOTO

The attack was caught on video. Brandhorst was scheduled to fly to Denver. Once in custody, he told troopers he was "aggravated" and had "made a mistake." DANNY MCDONALD

Crime

Man given max sentence for prison beating death

A 53-year-old man was sentenced to 18 to 20 years in prison for beating his cellmate to death inside the Suffolk County House of Corrections two years ago.

Judge Charles Hely imposed the maximum sentence on Lesley Jurczuk, guilty of voluntary manslaughter in the homicide of 25-year-old Alexander Callahan.

According to prosecutors, on Dec. 2, 2012, Callahan made a comment about Jurczuk's hygiene.

That sparked a fight in the cell the two shared. Callahan died from blunt-force trauma to the head and neck.

Callahan was a few months away from finishing a one-year sentence for assault, Jurczuk was serving a two-and-a-half-year sentence for domestic assault and battery. METRO

Tax break

New Year's income tax cut

November tax collections were strong enough to trip the trigger requiring the state income tax rate to drop to 5.15 percent from 5.2 percent on Jan. 1, 2015.

The Department of Revenue on Wednesday reported collecting $1.59 billion in taxes in November, a 1.5 percent increase over last November. MICHAEL NORTON, STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

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Tom O'Keefe is @BostonTweet and the founder of #DownloadBoston, a local movement to increase the awareness of Boston-based consumer startups.

Warning: On Saturday, 700 men and women will run down Boylston Street in nothing but Santa hats, Santa beards and red Speedos.

In December 2000, five guys wanted to break up their weekly routine and give the people of Boston something to laugh at. After a few pints at The Sevens, they decided to run down Newbury Street Santa beard-, hat- and Speedo-clad while blasting the Muppets' Christmas Carol from a boom box. The people on Newbury Street loved it, and on that day the Santa Speedo Run was born.

Fourteen years later, the Santa Speedo Run attracts 700 men and women who brave the cold for a good cause and a good time.

Since that first run in 2000, the Santa Speedo Run has raised $1.6 million for local kids in need.

This year, the goal is to raise $250,000 for the Play Ball Foundation. Based in Boston, the nonprofit is focused on expanding sports for Boston middle-school students. In 2009, the only team sports offered by the Boston public schools to middle-school students were basketball and track. Today, Play Ball helps field baseball, football, double dutch, soccer and volleyball teams in addition to the original basketball and track teams.

By helping to cover the costs of sports in poor communities, Play Ball creates a positive change in a young child's life through the simple joy of sport.

Today, 1,300 kids at 20 BPS middle schools field 46 teams!

On Saturday, the forecast for Boston calls for 48 degrees and rain — perfect weather to cheer on the scantily clad Santas running so kids can Play Ball.

The Santa Speedo Run begins at 1 p.m. outside Lir on Boylston Street and then loops back down Newbury Street.

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$1.6M

Amount of money the Santa Speedo Run has raised for kids in need

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No indictment in NYC police choke hold case

Demonstrators.
A large number of protesters demonstrated throughout New York City.

A man holds a banner as he takes part during a protest in support of Garner in New York City. / GETTY IMAGES

A New York City grand jury decision not to charge a white police officer who killed an unarmed black man with a choke hold sparked outrage and protests on Wednesday, and the Justice Department said it would investigate the incident.

Eric Garner, a 43-year-old father of six, was illegally selling cigarettes on July 17 when police officers tackled him and put him in a choke hold. Police said he had been resisting arrest. The city's medical examiner ruled the death a homicide.

The deadly encounter on Staten Island, New York City's smallest borough, was captured on video, which quickly spread over the Internet and fueled debate about how police use force, particularly against minorities.

About two dozen demonstrators lay down in Grand Central Terminal's main hall in Manhattan in a silent protest as the evening rush hour began. In Times Square, about 200 people gathered, chanting, "No indictment is denial. We want a public trial." REUTERS

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"We are not going to let up until we see a strengthening of trust and strengthening of accountability that exists between our communities and our law enforcement." Obama

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Fed says economy expanding, shale production steady

On target. The Beige Book report found weather and fuel prices spurred consumer spending.

Workers with Raven Drilling line up a pipe while drilling for oil in the Bakken shale formation outside Watford City, North Dakota. / GETTY IMAGES

U.S. economic activity continued to expand in October and November, with lower gasoline prices boosting consumer spending, the Federal Reserve said on Wednesday.

In its Beige Book report of anecdotal information on business activity collected from contacts nationwide on or before Nov. 24, the central bank said a number of its districts remained optimistic about the outlook.

"Consumer spending continued to trend higher in most districts in October and November," the Fed said. "Some contacts viewed lower gasoline prices as a contributing factor to higher consumer spending, and an early cold spell helped spur sales of winter apparel in several districts."

Despite a sharp drop in crude oil prices, drilling activity in shale production districts remained steady, the Beige Book showed. Oil prices have declined since June and touched a five-year low early this week.

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Twitter feed

Today, Idina Menzel isn't doing the carpool fashion show, Alec Baldwin has new career aspirations, Tyra Banks is comfy, Louis Tomlinson has some pretty bad jet lag, and Conan O'Brien is trying not to disappoint.

@idinamenzel: I'm in awe of the moms who drop their kids off at school and actually put on a cute outfit. Pjs and biker boots for me.

@ABFalecbaldwin: I want to be ambassador to Spain. I was actually on a soap opera.

@tyrabanks: I don't know if being able to work from bed on my smart phone is a beautiful blessing or a damn curse

@Louis_Tomlinson: Just can't get back into the time zone !! Wide awake !

@ConanOBrien: As we get closer and closer to the end of this tweet, I think it's important that we lower our expectations.

R. Kelly looks like an unwilling participant in the Lady Gaga/Taylor Swift sandwich. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

1 Lady Gaga puts those Taylor Swift rumors to rest

During a recent visit to Howard Stern's radio show, Lady Gaga set the record straight about herself and another pop music titan. Stern pressed Gaga with, "Someone called in and said that you are now a lover of Taylor Swift's, that the two of you are making love to one another." That guy, such a way with words. Anyway, Gaga insists there's nothing of the sort going on — though she'd be totally down if Swift wanted to give it a whirl. "I don't think she would be into that," Gaga replied, adding later, "If she's into that, she can call me."

And in a totally Lady Gaga move, the "Bad Romance" singer revealed that she likes Swift because Swift listens to her music, a piece of info Gaga picked up from a stylist they share. According to Gaga, Swift "was doing a shoot and he was in there styling her … and he goes, 'Taylor Swift is in here blasting "Artpop" so loud, and she is dancing and she is posing,' and I said to myself, 'I like this girl.'"

2 A lot of people like to stream Ed Sheeran

Millions of people stream Ed Sheeran's music, probably even Victoria's Secret Angels.

Who's the undisputed king of online music? Ed Sheeran is. The cuddly British ginger was the most-streamed artist in 2014, according to Spotify, with a staggering 860 million individual streams of his songs, while his album "X" was the most-streamed album globally with 430 million listens. I guess that month I spent streaming the "Flash Gordon" soundtrack on repeat didn't make as much of an impact as I'd hoped. Of course, there's no mention of Spotify-ditching Taylor Swift in the report, so maybe Sheeran's win should come with an asterisk. Now, for some truly terrifying numbers: Spotify's more than 50 million registered users streamed more than 7 billion hours of music this year — adding up to about 800,000 years of music, and maybe a few annoying audiobook ads.

3 Michael Fassbender is off the market again

There's a new target for the jealous ire of all the Michael Fassbender fans out there, and her name is Alicia Vikander. Fassbender and the Swedish actress are reportedly dating after playing husband and wife in the upcoming film "The Life Between Oceans." They've most recently been seen out surfing together in Australia, which I guess constitutes a date. While reps for Fassbender and Vikander declined to comment, there's always an anonymous source willing to chime in: "Michael and Alicia are casually dating, spending a lot of time together," a source tells E! News.

4 Rosario Dawson shuts down Matt Lauer

During an interview on the "Today" show to promote her role in the new film "Top Five," Rosario Dawson had to firmly but politely put Matt Lauer in his place when he tried to steer the conversation toward Dawson's recent adoption of a 12-year-old daughter. "I very rarely talk about tabloid speculation, and this is not an exception," she scolds Lauer. "My family is incredibly private — most of us, anyway." Consider yourself told, Matt.

5 Saffron Burrows has also been married for a while

Scarlett Johansson isn't the only actress who can keep her nuptials under wraps. Former "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" and "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." star Saffron Burrows reveals in an interview with The Guardian that she and "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" writer Alison Balian got hitched, oh, about 16 months ago. Surprise! "I chose to speak to you because I don't want to lie by omission, and I want to be very straightforward about my life," Burrows tells the newspaper. "I don't want to hesitate and feel hindered by something I haven't said." Well, there you go.

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Reese Witherspoon reimagines some Christmas classics

During a visit to "The Tonight Show," Reese Witherspoon got a chance to update some classic Christmas carols with nonsense lyrics. "Jingle Bells," for instance, becomes "Small Old Man." Witherspoon isn't totally convinced at first, but she eventually comes around — and really sells the sure-to-be-a-classic "Squeeze the Cheese and Poke the Pony."

Q&A MICHAEL RAPAPORT TAKES ON THE KNICKS

Michael Rapaport's (inset) doc "When the Garden Was Eden," now on Netflix Instant, looks back on the Knicks' old championship-winning lineups. / ESPN, GETTY IMAGES (INSET)

Interview. The actor-filmmaker got to meet his basketball heroes when he made "When the Garden Was Eden."

Michael Rapaport points out that he was "in the womb" in 1970 when the New York Knicks won their first NBA championship and only 3 when they won their second. That didn't stop the actor-filmmaker from directing "When the Garden Was Eden," a documentary now on Netflix Instant about the team's storied lineups from the late-'60s through mid-'70s.

Given that you didn't watch these teams at the time, what's your history with them?
I wanted to be a basketball player when I was growing up. That was my life. Growing up in New York City, the Knicks were my team. The fabric of those championship teams is something I learned about at an early age. Even before I saw them I heard about Walt Frazier, I heard about Earl Monroe, I heard about Willis Reed. Walt Frazier was iconic at that time. And over 40 years, as the team had highs and lows but never got over the hump of winning that championship, you continue to go back to those old teams. There would be no movie if the Knicks would have won two or three championships since then.

It's amazing to see a time when the NBA was so small and unloved, especially compared to now.
They played in the NBA when it was a mom-and-pop league. There were eight teams. They didn't make a living. It's hard for us to understand that, because everyone knows who LeBron is, you know who Kobe is. They're like Apple; they're brands. But at [that] time these guys had jobs — not just during the off-season, but while they were playing in the f—ing NBA. John Havlicek [of the Celtics] was a sales rep!

You've also done a doc about A Tribe Called Quest ('Beats, Rhymes & Life').
These are subjects that are so meaningful to people. I feel I have a responsibility to them. I tell my producers that if it sucks, people are coming after me. I might get some credit if it's good, but if it sucks I'm the one who's going to get screamed at. They'd call me a "f—ing piece of s—" on Twitter, or if I'm on a train they'd be like, "Hey, you f—ed up the Knicks movie." That s— is dangerous.

Do you get that a lot?
On Twitter, everybody gets it. God rest his soul, but Nelson Mandela would get heckled on Twitter. People say wild stuff to you on Twitter. They think they're talking to you.

They were young men and were getting drafted into the army. They were doing service with the National Guard while they were with the Knicks. Cazzie Russell would leave practice and on the weekends would be with the National Guard. That wasn't like the National Guard today. There were riots and s—. Cazzie Russell was on the roof during the Chicago riots with a gun while he was a Knick!

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Sandra Oh turns to crowdfunding

Interview. The "Grey's Anatomy" star follows up her TV run with a fresh film project, but she needs your help to get it made.

Sandra Oh is trying to raise funds for "Window Horses," an animated film. / PROVIDED

After 10 seasons on "Grey's Anatomy," actress Sandra Oh is going in a very different direction. Oh is lending her voice and producing power to "Window Horses," an animated film about a young Canadian poet of Chinese and Iranian descent. And she's learning a lot about the world of crowdfunding, thanks to the films extensive Indiegogo campaign.

What was it about this project that spoke to you?
"Window Horses" is pro-girl, it's pro-tolerance, it's pro-diversity and it's set in the world of poetry. I realized while watching things that are geared toward young people, young girls, I still do not see myself represented as an Asian person — even with the headway that we have made.

How do you think we get to a place where projects that are pro-girl and pro-diversity don't just seem like no-brainers?

Quoted

"'Window Horses' is pro-girl, it's pro-tolerance, it's pro-diversity and it's set in the world of poetry."
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I honestly don't know. I'm fully aware that the Indiegogo campaign is an outsider's way of making work, and that's why it appeals to me. Having been inside in some ways for the past decade on a very successful and very well-funded television show, I just want to take what I know from that and bring it to another audience — an audience who is not as well-represented, who actually wants to hear different stories, not mainstream stories.

What about what Shonda Rhimes has done for diverse representation on TV?

The way that her track record can actually prove in a physical, monetized way that people will watch a TV show when there are black people on it, to be quite blunt — it's like, yes! The character in "Window Horses" is this mixed-race young woman who is trying to discover herself and who has an artist's voice and goes and finds it in another country. I just know that there is an audience for that. I know there is a girl out there who is going to see herself in this character, and I want her to see it.

Bonus question

How has it been so far interacting with this underrepresented audience?
It's mysterious in its own way because you have no idea what will happen; and I just hope that people will see it and say, "I want to see a stick figure character who has two little slits for eyes and is wearing a chador. I want to see her up there so I'm going to donate." It's a platform to connect with people — to connect with like-minded people. Just the amount of people who have responded to it and want to tell their own stories, it's a like a floodgate. When people — or let's say larger organizations or paradigm structures — say that no one wants to hear these stories, I just don't believe it. I don't believe it at all.

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5 Box sets for the holidays

Home video. Gift your couch potatoes with Tony Soprano, Kevin Arnold and French comedy.

Streaming video, we're told, has killed DVD and Blu-ray. That doesn't mean it should have. Not everything is available online and, thanks to complex rights issues, what's online won't be there forever, or even until next week. Here are five splashy box sets of actual discs to cram into someone's stocking this consumer season.

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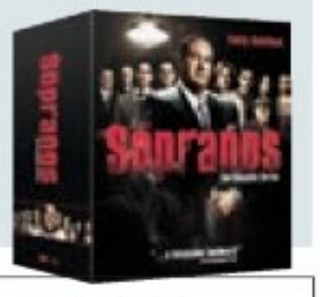
"The Sopranos": The Complete Series'

To be frank, the old DVDs of The Greatest Show Ever looked like crap: washed out, filled with digital hiccups, begging for loving HD treatment. It finally has it, and replowing through the 86 hours means revisiting the late James Gandolfini, whose work still feels fresh. **$279.98**



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"Pee-wee's Playhouse': The Complete Series'

Paul Reubens' man-child is back, with an actual new film in the works. It's as good a time as any to revisit his Saturday morning staple, which tended to be more manic than all of the day's 'toons combined. **$149.95**

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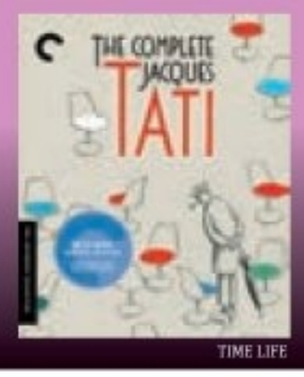

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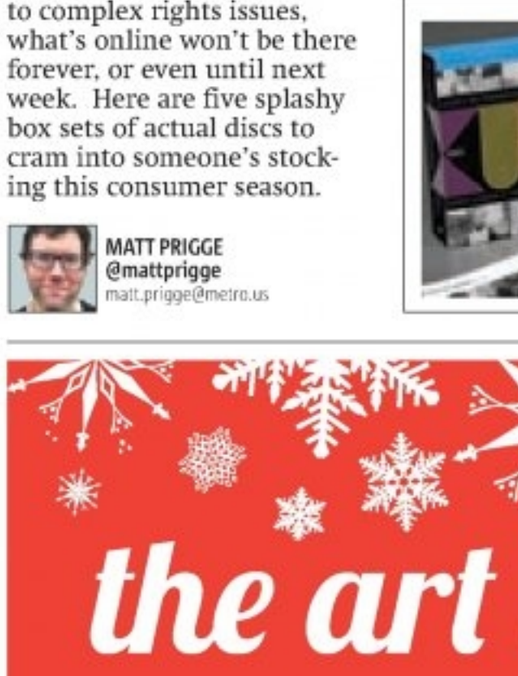

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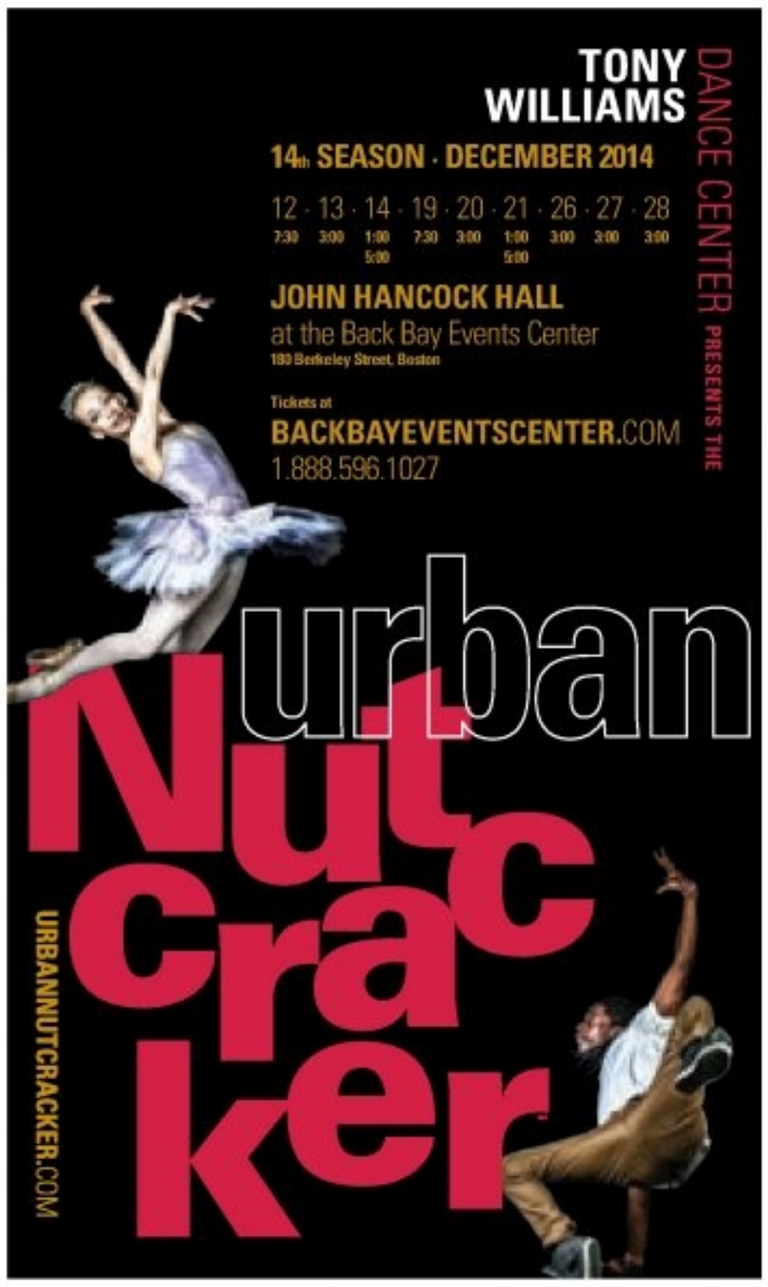
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5 Gift picks for kids

Toys. Children will freak when they see one of these under the tree.

Whether you're an in-the-know parent or a clueless aunt or uncle, knowing what to buy for a kid can be tricky. And you know how kids are: They won't act like they love something if they really don't, so the pressure is on. We sorted through hundreds of the latest and greatest toys at the 2014 Time to Play Holiday Showcase and picked five of the best.

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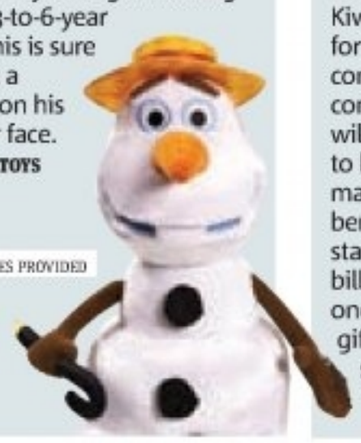
1. Disney's 'Frozen' Sing & Swing Olaf

"Frozen" came out last November, but kids are still going crazy for it. One of the newest and cutest "Frozen" toys is this plush Olaf, which sings "In Summer" when you squeeze it. While he sings, his mouth and head bob along to the beat and his body swings in a little dance. If you're gift-hunting for a 3-to-6-year old, this is sure to put a smile on his or her face. **$24.99, TOYS "R" US**



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2. Zoomer Dino

Dinosaurs never stop being cool. This remote-controlled robotic toy is trainable and contains sensor-technology that allows it to really interact with people. Kids can teach the dino how to dance, chase, chomp and roar. And this toy has a personality all its own. The eyes change color based on its mood, and it can even roar, burp and, yes, fart. No wonder kids love it. **$79.99, TOYS "R" US**

3. Kiwi Crate

Kiwi Crate is basically Birchbox for kids. Each month, a box containing a cool project comes in the mail. Not only will the child you're giving this to be excited about getting mail every month (remember that feeling, before you started paying your own bills?), it's basically 12 gifts in one. Take that, other show-off gift givers! There are several subscriptions to choose from, but our favorite is the craft-oriented Doodle Crate. Aimed at kids 9 to 14, each kit contains a new craft with plenty of room for young makers to explore their create side. Plus, it keeps them busy! **$12.95, DOODLE.KIWICRATE.COM**

4. Kurio Phone

Let us guess: Your kid wants a phone. The Kurio Phone is a great option because it's a real Android smartphone built for tykes, with games, texting, music streaming and Web searching. But the device also has helpful parental controls — parents can set call and texting limits, and there is a geofencing feature so you can see if your child leaves a preset area. **$159.99, KURIOWORLD.COM**

5. Kid Trax Sing-A-Long Soul Car

And we thought Power Wheels were cool. This battery-powered riding toy comes equipped with a colorful LED party mode light, a working FM radio and two microphones for backseat karaoke. There's also a blue street glow under the car, around the back speakers and above the headlights. With all of these party features, we're just glad the little drivers aren't on real roads. **$399.99, TOYS "R" US**

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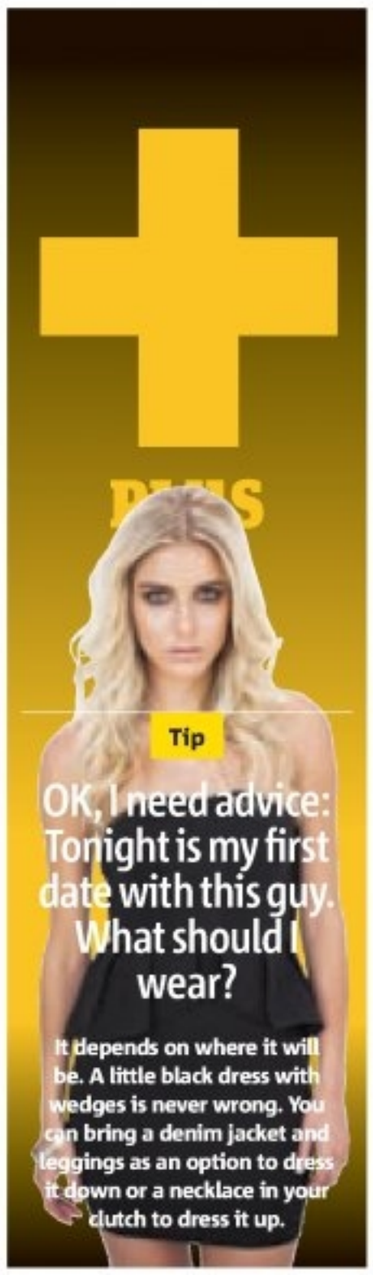
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OK, I need advice: Tonight is my first date with this guy. What should I wear?
It depends on where it will be. A little black dress with wedges is never wrong. You can bring a denim jacket and leggings as an option to dress it down or a necklace in your clutch to dress it up.

Michelle Phan is expanding into the music business. / MICHELLE PHAN

Michelle Phan's next moves

Beyond YouTube. The vlogger's fans number in the millions, and now the entrepreneur is releasing her first book and launching a record label.

Makeup artist Michelle Phan's YouTube beauty channel has more regular viewers than most prime-time TV shows. To date, the 27-year-old has 7 million subscribers to her self-titled platform, and her videos have been viewed in excess of 1 billion times. Now, the Boston-born self-made celebrity, who already has a cosmetics collection called Em in collaboration with L'Oreal, tells Metro why she's publishing her own so-called "self-empowering" book "Make Up: Your Life Guide to Beauty, Style and Success — Online and Off."

How did you first get into makeup?
I first recognized the power of makeup at an early age. From observing the way rosy cheeks and red lips transformed Belle in "Beauty and the Beast" to watching my mother's daily beauty ritual, I discovered the dramatic difference that makeup could create. When I was finally allowed to try eyeliner myself, I looked in the mirror and saw a different person looking back. From that moment, I was hooked on makeup – and the sense of confidence, beauty and empowerment it gave me. For me, makeup is art: It's a way to be creative. To me, everyone who has used makeup is an artist in their own right.

Are you shocked by your popularity?
When I decided to go to art school to follow my dream of becoming an artist, I had no idea I would end up on YouTube or that my videos would end up being seen by millions of people. I was not a professionally trained makeup artist. … I am self-taught in every way — from makeup artistry to shooting and editing my videos. I never expected this to happen, but it's been an incredible adventure and I've learned a lot along the way.

What's it like to be considered a 'make-up guru'?
I don't see myself as a makeup guru but more of a "beauty bestie" — your big sister next door giving you tips to bring out your best.

You created your makeup line Em as a "reflection" of your fans. Did they react well to the products?
I am so proud of Em's success. Em is unique as it is the first makeup line co-created by a community of beauty lovers. It was designed for and with my community to meet their authentic beauty needs based on years of input that I received while being a beauty mentor. The community has been a part of every piece of the brand, from providing input on launch products to shade names and product packaging.

What kind of advice can we find in your book?
My book will cover everything from makeup and beauty to lifestyle tips. If you want to hear my tips about etiquette and manners, both online and offline, or even learn a bit more about me and how I got my start, this would be a great read for you. I really hope the book will be a tool for everyone: young girls, college students and women. Something you want to keep on your bookshelf and refer to anytime you need a little advice!

If you could only keep one piece of clothing and one makeup item, what would they be?
It would be a nice oversized scarf that can be turned into a dress. As for my one makeup item, my Em Shade Play concealer palette. I use it to spot-treat discoloration around my eyes, lips, and nose. It comes with six hues that you can mix to conceal, highlight and neutralize.

Zoella, Tanya Burr and you: A lot of YouTubers have their own cosmetics lines. What do you think about that?
I am a big supporter of seeing the beauty space evolve with new, talented makeup enthusiasts and artists all making beauty more exciting. I love that it is more accessible to anyone and everyone now.

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The future

A successful channel, a makeup line, a book: Do you have any other exciting upcoming projects?

I recently partnered with Cutting Edge Group and will be launching my own record label, Shift Music Group. I wanted to create a platform that would provide opportunities for artists, by not only promoting their music in my videos, but giving them further opportunities to get their music heard. I've always been passionate about music and artists, and this venture allows me to take my passion and create opportunities for others. I also want to inspire others to build successful brands on YouTube. I've teamed up with Endemol Beyond USA and will be expanding my lifestyle network by building a boutique premium talent network that will feature key tastemakers and pioneers in the YouTube space, as well as curating and create inspirational content for millennials.

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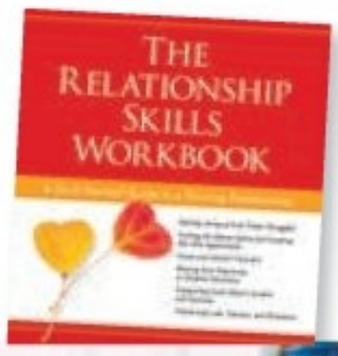

Making it work. Learn how to bring up concerns without causing a fight.

The No. 1 question people in couples' counseling have, says psychologist Julia Colwell, is "How do we communicate better?"

"People really want to be able to talk, but they can't for some reason," says Colwell, the author of the new book "The Relationship Skills Workbook."

Here are some of Colwell's tips for how people in relationships can learn to express themselves freely.

Don't lose yourself in the relationship

One of the most common problems Colwell sees is when one half of a couple knows something is wrong, but doesn't take any steps to address it. "They think: 'We are having a good time and I don't want to wreck it,'" says Colwell. "So they are pretending. There are a lot of ideas out there that we aren't supposed to say that stuff."

Breathe

Take time to compose yourself

Lashing out in the heat of the moment is never a good idea, says Colwell. "Take a walk or go get a drink [if you are upset]," she suggests. "Trying to problem-solve in that state is a really bad idea because it just gets worse and worse. It's best to wait at least 15 to 20 minutes."

Don't lash out when you're angry. / INGRAM PUBLISHING

Don't be accusatory

"Instead of saying things like 'I feel like you don't pay attention to me' or 'You never loved me,' say something like 'It makes me feel sad when [we don't talk],'" Colwell suggests, adding that it's important to focus on feelings.

"Emotions are simple," says Colwell. "Saying 'I am scared because…' or 'My stomach is in a knot...' is better because there is a whole level of intimacy with that rather than saying 'I'm really mad you were late.'"

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Profiles. Word choices vary greatly by state

Admit it: It's hard not to have your eyes glaze over after spending more than an hour perusing online dating profiles. After a while, it really does seem like everyone loves nothing more than watching "The Wire" and getting drinks on Friday nights with their friends.

But it turns out that tastes do tend to align with where online dating users live. The tech site Mashable took a deeper look into how profiles vary across the country. Using data provided to them from Match.com, the site's researchers were able to pin down the most popular descriptive words in profiles from each state — providing a neat window into the things people think will impress potential love interests in the process.

Residents of the Bay State appropriately love the "ocean," as do our neighbors in Rhode Island. LAKSHMI GANDHI

Oregon really is like "Portlandia." Daters there love to kayak. / PURESTOCK

Around the country

Hikes and hunting, oh my!

Here are some other great word-state combinations:

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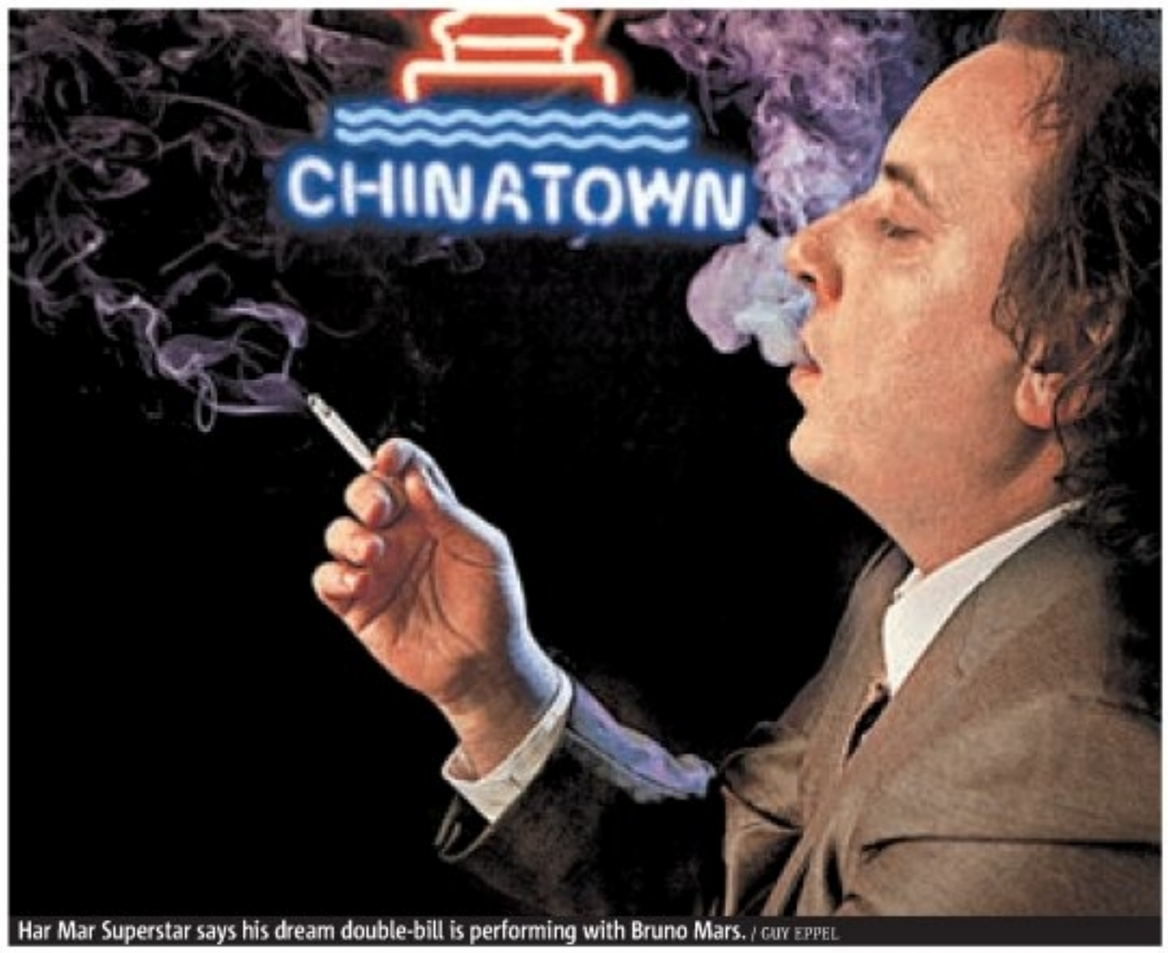
Hitting the road with Har Mar and Mac

Interview. Har Mar Superstar says former child star Macaulay Culkin is a great tour buddy.



Har Mar Superstar says his dream double-bill is performing with Bruno Mars. / GUY EPPEL

It's the double-bill America didn't know it needed: Soul singer Har Mar Superstar is traveling the country with Macaulay Culkin's The Pizza Underground, Mac's Velvet Underground cover band that sings about pizza. Har Mar Superstar, who goes by Sean Tillman in his offstage moments, says the decision to tour together was easy.

"I've been good friends with Mac for a long time. He jumps in my van and goes on tour with me a lot, so once he started his own band, it was kind of a no-brainer to join forces and travel together."

Tillman says Culkin is a pretty great travel buddy, too. "He's like a well-stocked tour mama. Anything you can think of that you might need, he has. You're like, I need some lefty safety scissors, and he's like, 'Oh yeah, I got that.'"

Just what might an audience member expect from an evening with these two? "It's like a circusy feel. Everybody gets involved in each other's sets, and it's just like a variety show of sorts until it leads up to our Har Mar headlining set, which is just the classic sweaty dance party that we've been known to incite," says Tillman.

Visit **Metro.us** to watch Tillman's big dance-off moment with Ben Stiller.

Tillman, long known as much for his getups onstage as his tendency to shed most of them partway through his sets, has a new number specially prepared for this tour. "I had my friend Elyse make this hockey jersey that's kind of an homage to the Flying Burrito Brothers and Velvet Underground at the same time. It's like a pterodactyl midflight, that's half-banana, half-pterodactyl, which is my nod to The Pizza Underground slash Velvet Underground."

If you're now pained by jealousy that you don't own this magnificent piece of high fashion, you might be reassured to know that only two exist in the world, and the other one belongs to Julian Casablancas. Tillman's latest record, "Bye Bye 17," was released by Casablancas' Cult Records, which Tillman seems pretty happy about. He calls Casablancas "an idea factory," whose suggestions are always welcome and "constantly" on point.

"Every time he makes a suggestion, even if it seems crazy at first, I'll try it out, and it always works out. It's almost annoying. It's like he's almost psychic," Tillman says with a laugh.

"Bye Bye 17" represents a more serious turn for Tillman, but he's been interested in soul music since childhood, and points to Otis Redding, Stevie Wonder and Sam Cooke as early influences. "I've always been obsessed with music that's poppy and seemingly happy on the surface but when you get into the lyrics, it's really sad subject matter," says Tillman. "I just really like that juxtaposition."

Movie star

On the silver screen

You might recognize Tillman from his efforts in front of the camera. He was Ben Stiller's dance-off partner in "Starsky and Hutch," a part he got after director Todd Phillips saw him perform live and invited him to audition. He also appeared in "Whip It" and popped up in "Pitch Perfect" as a member of the older a capella group the main characters get in a fight with after a big competition. Sadly, he wasn't able to reprise his role in the sequel. "I was supposed to. I got asked to and I was going to do it and go back, but they changed the dates on me when I was on tour in France and I couldn't get back in time to do it. I think Reggie Watts replaced me," says Tillman.

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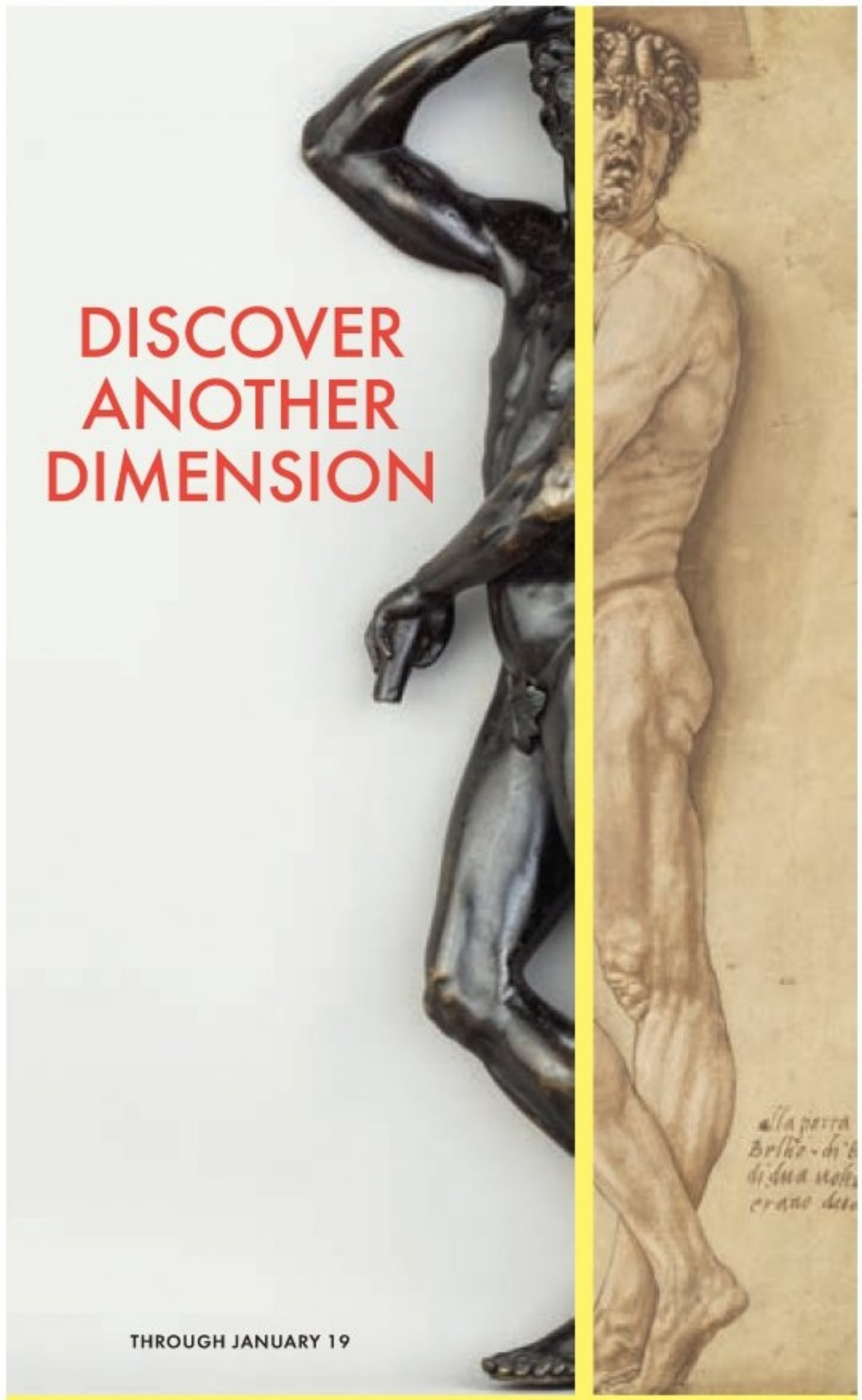

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♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. An unfortunate misunderstanding between you and someone close to you is apparent. Choose your words carefully and be aware of the pressures that both you and those around you are facing.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Love is on the rise. Your creativity level is high, allowing you to come up with solutions to any challenge you face. A short trip will provide inspiration.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. With your abundance of energy you will breeze through your tasks. Taking on duties will boost your reputation, but be sure to leave some time for more enjoyable pastimes. EUGENIA LAST

Letters

No one likes a spitter on the MBTA

Re: 'Trolley driver slapped pregnant passenger who spat on her: MBTA' (Metro, Dec. 3) Some transit authorities use the slogan "don't dispute the fare, don't leave the chair" as a means to protect their drivers. Why does every MBTA driver think it's their job to collect fare from riders refusing to pay? It's shocking to read stories like this when these incidents can be completely avoided. Their job is simply to get riders safely from point A to point B.

If it were their job to police the fare, they wouldn't be driving buses and trolleys all day long for weeks on end with broken fare machines.

Clearly, if someone gets on without paying the fare, note their description, where they got on and off and then when safe to do so, call the transit police. No slapping or spitting is necessary.

SHEILA, VIA EMAIL

I was so vexed reading this in Metro this morning. No one, no matter what is going on, has the right to spit on you. If I am not mistaken, this is considered assault and battery.

That trolley driver needs to press charges on the pregnant passenger. Just because she is the passenger on the MBTA doesn't mean she can do what she wants. She still needs to have respect and most of all respect herself. Keep your hands and your spit to yourself.

Those T drivers have a very hard job. Being a passenger on the MBTA, I see the abuse they go through, and they need to have more protection. The trolley driver needs to press charges on the pregnant passenger.

Why should she have to worry about facing charges or losing her job?

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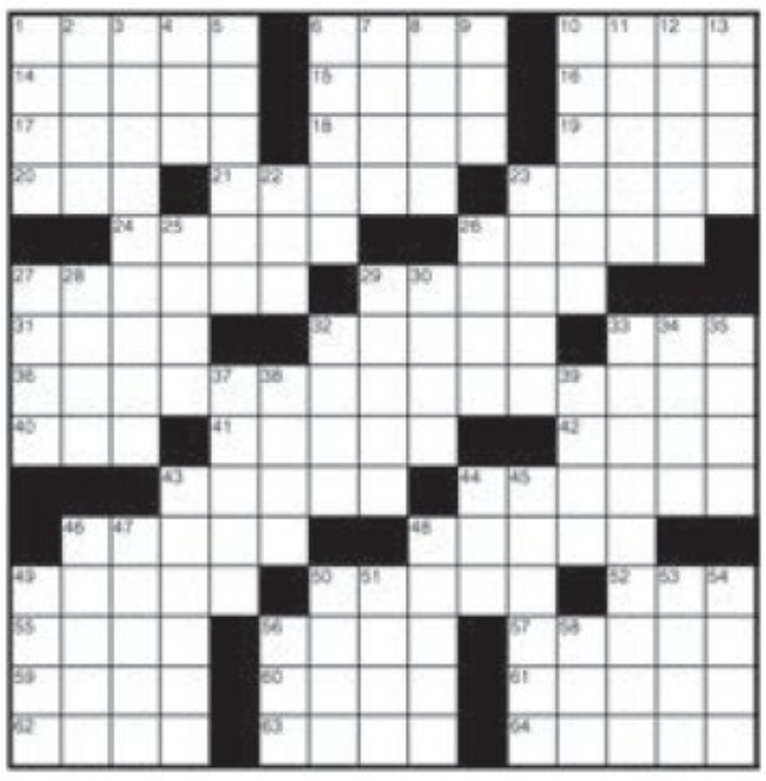

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Jones came in at perfect time in season for Revs

MLS Cup. Jermaine Jones gave the Revs a definite jolt down the stretch of the season.

Jermaine Jones was added to the Revolution roster in late August. / GETTY IMAGES

Midfielder Lee Nguyen was named to MLS' Best XI (their all-league team) on Tuesday and is an MVP candidate, while homegrown forward Charlie Davies is the inspirational figure on a goal-scoring tear in the postseason (four goals).

But the fact remains that Jermaine Jones was the main figure in turning everything around for New England this summer. The Revs are 11-1-2 since they acquired the U.S. national team midfielder in August and it's important to note that this is a team that suffered through an eight-game losing streak in the middle of the season (something no other MLS Cup finalist had done before now).

New England already had plenty of talent before Jones' arrival, but there's no doubt he was the missing piece that brought them all together.

Jones, at age 33, is the oldest active player on the Revolution, and is closer in age to head coach Jay Heaps (38) than many of his new teammates who are fresh out of college. While Jones felt his age after Saturday's draw vs. New York that advanced the Revs, 4-3, on aggregate, he absolutely appreciates the opportunity in front of him. "We've had a lot of progression from the beginning," Jones said. "It was easy to come [to New England] because it's like a big family. You can see it on the field, we like playing with each other."

Born to a German mother and American father in Frankfurt, Germany, Jones came up with the German national team before changing his allegiance to the U.S. national team, led by German-American head coach Jurgen Klinsmann.

With his trademark dreadlocks and numerous tattoos, not to mention his ferocious playing style, Jones undoubtedly brings a distinct attitude every time he suits up.

Casual U.S. soccer fans became aware of Jones during the 2014 World Cup, where he was one of the top American players and where he scored one of the more incredible goals of the entire tournament, against Portugal. More than any other player on the Revolution, Jones has an impressive worldly resume with experience at big-time German clubs like Eintracht Frankfurt, Bayer Leverkusen and Schalke 04. This led to appearances in the UEFA Champions League (where he became only the second American ever to score in a knockout-round game) and Europa League.

Jones noted that this Sunday would be the first time that he'd ever played for a league title, so he realizes opportunities like the one this Sunday (3 p.m., ESPN) don't come around too often.

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Star power

Jermaine Jones is married to former Miss Germany, Sarah Gerth.

- Jones was hoping that the Revolution drew Los Angeles in the MLS Cup (Sunday, 3 p.m., ESPN) as he and Gerth have a home in Southern California. In fact, their house was once owned by actress **Tori Spelling.**

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NHL

Rask, B's look to rebound

The Bruins (14-11-1) will look to break out of a West Coast funk Thursday (10:30 p.m., NESN) in San Jose against the Sharks (12-10-4). The B's fell at Anaheim on Monday, 3-2, and at Los Angeles on Tuesday, 2-0. Tuukka Rask is expected to be back in net for Boston after a night off Tuesday.

NBA. Not much has come easy for Celtics early on

A 2013-14 Celtics team that was designed to "tank" didn't do a great job when it came to losing games. There were plenty of close victories last season and the team even had a near -.500 record in early December last year (8-12).

The 2014-15 Celtics were expected to be improved from last year's lottery bunch, but so far late-game struggles have paved the way to a 4-11 record.

"When it comes easy, we've been good," Celtics head coach Brad Stevens said. "When it gets tough, we haven't …

Brad Stevens / GETTY IMAGES

simple formula."

The Celtics host the lowly Lakers (5-13) on Friday before a home-and-home with Paul Pierce and the 11-5 Wizards on Sunday and Monday. METRO

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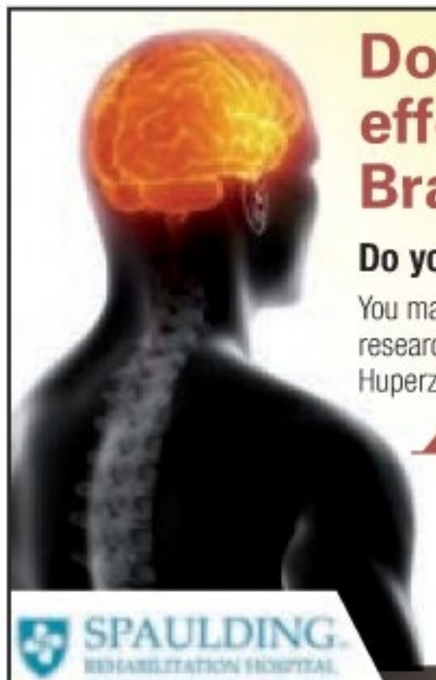

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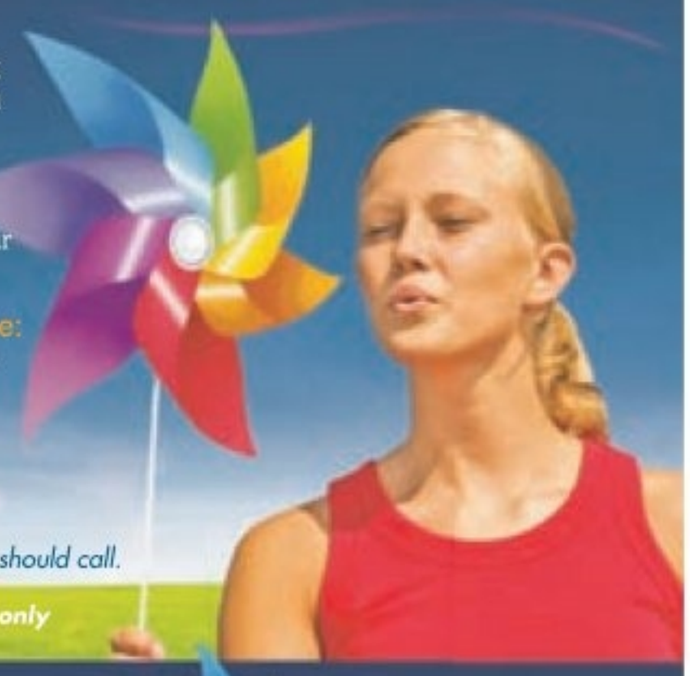

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TO:
Mazama T. Davids

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C. App.§501 *et seq.*:

Nationstar Mortgage LLC,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Boston (District of Dorchester)**, numbered **428 Washington Street**, given by **Mazama T. Davids and Marcella V. Lewis** to **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, GN Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns**, dated **December 5, 2005**, and recorded in **Suffolk County Registry of Deeds** in Book **38618**, Page **140**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on November 17, 2014

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
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TO:
Jesse Leib

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